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Office of the Secretary  
CC Docket No. 96-45  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Consolidated Telcom, Inc.** files this certification statement pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order, CC Docket 96-45, released May 8, 1997. In Section VII, Paragraph 310 of the Order, the FCC stated that a carrier "must notify the Commission and its state commission that, for purposes of universal service support mechanisms, it meets the Section 3(37) definition of a rural carrier." Section 3(37) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act (the "Act") defines a "rural telephone company."

**Consolidated Telcom, Inc.** hereby certifies that:

1. **Consolidated Telcom Inc.** is a "rural telephone company" as defined in the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153 (37). **Consolidated Telcom, Inc.** satisfies alternative definition (37)(B), fewer than 50,000 access lines.
2. **Consolidated Telcom, Inc.** provides telephone exchange service including exchange access in the following exchange areas in North Dakota:

Exchange Prefix/Name  
523 - Bowman  
564 - S. Hettinger  
567 - Hettinger  
579 - New England  
764 - Killdeer  
824 - Mott

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3. The "service area" or "study area" of **Consolidated Telcom, Inc.** is comprised of all of its exchange areas identified in paragraph 2 for purposes of Section 214 of the Act and **Consolidated Telcom, Inc.**'s designation as eligible telecommunications carrier for the service area. The total number of access lines is 4706, as published in the most reliable and recent compilation, the North Dakota Telephone Association 1999-2000 Directory of North Dakota Telephone Companies.
4. **Consolidated Telcom, Inc.** has been designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier under the Act 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1999.

**Consolidated Telcom, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Dan Wilhelmson', written over a horizontal line.

L. Dan Wilhelmson  
General Manager/CEO